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THE PRIMARY AND THE PLEDGE. Chairman Ellyson completely disposes

from his obligation to support the nominees. It was a pretense that was pledges." This is a practical declar the intelligence or the integrity of the pretenders.

If those taking part in a primary publican party. primary, then the whole performance would be a silly farce. No written or printed pledge could add force to the of the impair the obligation which the act of

It amounted to no more than the minding the drawer of a note of the of the bank to send such a notice would not relieve the debtor of his some relieve other debtors of their obligations to pay.

usly remote possibility of a Republican victory, the conflicts within the Democratic party will be harmonized and mone but the unthinking or un- methods.

is blue transfer is matched by the car

effort to see whether it can afford them. If it finds that the drain upon its revenue is too heavy under the new system, the company will return to the old red and blue plan and from volumes of liberal legislation. will fight the question in the courts. The issue of the litigation on this issue universal transfer.

Under these circumstances, the convenience of the people of Richmond demands that the experiment be successful. And successful it will be, if There will be really no greater loss to the company by issuing unipresent ones, except for the fact that the opportunities for "doubling back" will be multiplied twofold. there were, let us say, four lines on which a man could transfer back now be eight. The loss here may be

could not afford to stop there again. especially when Milwaukee was urgent its invitation to him. Of course But Mr. Taft's attitude towards the

that he will no more forget the inof La Follette's home town the first

rest of Cummins's speech is considered pretense that the failure to equivocation, that the progressive Re print the pledge on some of the ballots publicans aim at "placing in connot particularly creditable either to tion of war, and, if carried out in the manner proposed by Senator Cummins, it will mean war within the Re-

The progress of this any obligation, nor could its absence take place, by which the regulars may notice usually sent out by banks re- other ways. If they gain supporters they are approved by their own States he significance of their victories will obligation to pay. Still less would thermometer to register public indignation.

REAL SUCCESS FOR THE FARMERS

The results of the Charlottesville Farmers' Institute will be realized, not hardly like to dignify with serious benefited by the lectures and discusdiscussion the suggestion that Virginia sion, they will go home prepared to will emphasize the apathy of the pri- put practical suggestions into actual by going Republican this fall, achievement and will begin next year's occurrence is inconceivable, work with new ideas and improved

the keys to Virginia's pre-eminence as an agricultural State. As soon as the from the North. The one, they can achieve success beyond 1883 are not lost, however, their fondest hopes. Not until these which is American to the core-Republicans from the North. The one, they can achieve success beyond

In this connection the opening In this connection the opening will desire to honor her favorite son, speech of President Westmoreland the first and last President of Davis should be carefully studied by the Southern Confederacy—Jefferson years it has been powerless, and Virginia is in no mood to renew the experiences of what Republican power could accomplish.

A FAIR TEST OF UNIVERSAL TRANS-FERS.

On Sunday morning the long-desired universal transfers will be issued the people of Richmond. The citistic points in the state and points out the means to be employed in solving them. His analysis should be the slogan of progressive farmers—better roads, better transportation rates, better stock-breeding, and better farming methods. If these issues are consistently followed by the farmers of the most enthusiastic and loyal admirers of Mr. Davis in the south will content that since he was denied the privilege of taking the oath of allegiance to the United States government it would be entirely out of keeping with the well known sentiments of Mr. Davis and with the obvious proprieties of the situation that his statue should be presented to the government of which he was not a clitzen.

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formers cannot by their own efforts Davis at the North is reach the desired goal. If every man and will apply on his own farm the methods explained at the institute more can be accomplished for agricultural advance than could be gained

The future of Virginia agriculture is full of promise. But that promise point is doubtful, and it may develop can never be fully realized until the that the company cannot be com- farmers co-operate thoroughly, while pelled, under its double franchise, to each man works wisely on his own farm.

BULLIED AGAIN.

The papers make the announcemen that China will now permit Japan to the universal transfers are not abused have her way "in the matter of widen ing the gauge and proceeding with the versal transfer than by issuing the Railway," This is, of course, very kind construction of the Antung-Mukder of China. It is not quite clear, how ever, how she could have prevented Where Japan from "having her way," since in the matter Japan is strenuously supported by England, As usual, China towards his starting point, there will is the victim. Her rights never have been respected, and never will be unti

The Cimes Dispaich Madison, Wis., twice and, in his hur- benighted portion of the world that re ried swing around the continent, he fuses to disarm.

battlefing still have their uses,

BILL MeMAHON, HERO.

Perhaps no one in Richmond ever heard of Captain Bill McMahon. His career was not brilliant, and his cachelvements were not public property. He had, perhaps, never been out of New York City when he died, day now York City when he died, day he was a the age of twenty-

But Bill was a hero. His post of duty was down in the Grand Street district, on East River, and his home was a little shack on Suicide Pier. Bill's father had been a life-saver on this same pier, and Bill grew up amid (Even as you or I).

A fool there was, and a ball he fouled (Even as you or I). The umpire only glared and scowled), (But the umpire only glared and scowled). While the batter deeply and flercely growled (Even as you or I).

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(b), the wrath unspoke, and the swears we choke, the sad sights of the river. When his father died, Bill took his place on the pier, and remained there until the was carried away, three days ago, he was carried away, three days ago, the to die in a hospital. Year in and to die in a hospital. Year in and year out, he was at his post, ready to spring in whenever the cry "Man overboard" was raised.

During his thirteen years of service, killed the little of the sound of the mostly was killed to the mostly was a filed to the mostly was killed to the mostly was kill

claim to fame. Sometimes Bill is his claim to fame. Sometimes Bill gump

That makes us so awful mad;
It's coming to know that he never can ump,
and sometimes Bill received a handsome reward. But more frequently he

Government's always bad!

-Carolyn Wells, in Harper's Weekly. end it all. These outcasts would slink Poet in Hard Luck. back into the underworld, when Bill

now living clean, happy lives, who will remember that Bill saved them when they were despondent. They will bless the name of their preserver and Bill's reward, perhaps, is in the least of

DAVIS IN THE HALL OF FAME.

His Statue May Be Presented by Mis-sissipal Legislature. The Georgian has heretofore commented upon the gratifying absence of criticism from any part of the choosing Robert E. Lee for memorial ordant note has been sounded in the chorus of approval which has come that the superb soldiership and the unblemished character of the great Confederate captain entitles him to this merited recognition at the na-tional capital. For—though he led the Confederate hosts—he won the un-

sturn to Republicanism is a political ever wield potential influence in the against the acceptance of Lee's statue the Federal government that Mis

consistently followed by the farmers of the State, and are urged by them as a whole, Virginia will be transformed in five years. But if co-operation is lacking, the work of individual sustlib be in vain.

At the same time, the individual labor of every farmer is essential to real farming progress. A few model farms do not make up a great agricultural State, and a few progressive of the state, and a few progressive state in the ingering hostility toward Mr.

Still he is Mississippi's favorite son. It is easy to understand the maternal pride which she feels in his lofty. He historic blue was discarded because it afforded too easy a target, and in-listinguishable khaki substituted. Now what is to go, and in its place there is to be an olive-drab or brindle color. Practically has its claims, and, given time, feeling is able to adjust itself to any color. But it may fairly stored to Cabin John Bridge shows that the lingering hostility toward Mr.

BLONDES ARE DOOMED.

Major Woodruff Assigns Crime and Weakness to Fair Complexions. Major Woodruff's writings heories on the effect of exc and

light-complexioned types that find the struggle for existence too hard under our skies, Ultimately, he thinks. If they do not succeed in discovering new means of survival and adaptation the blondes will be wiped out.

Borrowed Jingles.

THE UMPIRE.

A fool there was, who began to swear (Even as you or I)

At a shirt find a shoe and a shock of hair (We called him the umpire who wasn't square).

much.
For we had to give him fits)! -

(Even as you or I).

And It isn't the chump and it isn't the

MERELY JOKING.

"Ah, brother, these be barren days for those of us who court the muse."
"Bren so. I've just been forced to ac-cept a position scanning meters for the gas company."-Life.

The Same Thing. Mrs. Church: "You say she was a war orrespondent once?" Mrs. Gotham: "Yes, she was secretary if a woman's club."—Yonkers Statesman.

Unsavory Diet.

"The alligator swallowed him."
"An' did they kill the 'gator?"
"No; they thought that swallern him'
was punishment enough!"—Atlanta Consti-ution.

"On what grounds did Hank get his pension? During the war he wore gray."
"True; but after the war was over he felt blue."—New York Evening Telegram.

MENTIONED IN PASSING.

THAT distinguished European physician the prescribed beer for Mr. Harriman could build up a lucrative practice at once by moving to Kansas.—St. Paul Dispatch.

delphia Ledger.

We stubbornly cling to the opinion that the joke will eventually be on the gentlemen who inserted the "jokers" in the tariff bill-Chicago Record-Herald.

re, won't he oblige a long-suffering put e by removing the cigar from his lips ti ext time he has his picture taken? altimore News.

Medium doing a seance stunt in Upper Swampscott, Mass., was overcome by the heat. Hope this is no indication of the habitat of her spirit control.—New York, Evening Telegram.

If Mr. Roosevelt is ever elected President again, we shudder to think of the outlay of African big chiefs that will come a-visiting in Washington.—Washington Her-

THE BRINDLE UNIFORM.

Changed by the Government.
Sentiment needs to be nimble and
plastic if it would throw tondrils of
affection about the army uniform.
Barely has the eye become used to

t the North is beginning to It's hardly wise to change uniform Perhaps the time will come fashions as rapidly as Paris changes

Weakness to Fair Complexions.

Major Woodruft's writings and theories on the effect of excessive light on character and health, physical and mental, have received considerable—and deserved—attention in scientific circles. In some respects his book on the subject was a revelation to the average modern layman, who is an enthusiastic advocate of sunshine, and generally puts it in the same category with fresh air. Major Woodruff, admitting that sunshine is fault to disease germs, holds that it is also, beyond a certain degree, fatal to the human nervous system.

It is interesting to know that the human nervous system.

It is interesting to know that the human nervous of gathering further material for his investigations or researches. He is reported as saying that what he hus seen tends to show that the climatic conditions in America are decidedly uniavorable to what Nietzsche called "the bionde beast." Crime, vice, destitution, weak ness he regards as the unhappy lot of the light-complexioned types that find the struggie for existence too hard here were respected in the structive hour, though it is not the name that the conditions of the structive hour, though it is not the search of the purpose of existence too hard here were remarked.

Hot Days a Struggle Between Comfort and Convention.

The disciple of Sartor may find in such a day as yesterday his most instructive hour, though it is not the hour most flattering to his pride. For on such a day, as at no other time, he sees primitive nature, in its gonstant struggle with the tyranny of clothes, temporarily at advantage. The worker suffers or dares, according to transfers.

This fact puts the matter before the people. If we wish universal transfers, we can have them by using them for less than the people. The people should meet the company has shown as commendable desire to please the company has the people. The people should meet the company has the people should meet the company has the people with the people should meet the company has the people with the people should meet the company has the people should meet the company has the people with the people should meet the company has the people should meet the company has the people should meet the company has the people with the people should meet the people should mee

The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy. English Banks to Control Finance of

Russia.

ENT to China, there is no such great market in the world for foreign trade as the immense Russian empire. The English government has realized this, and its ed eighteen months ago, is not only political, but also economic. While the Czar capoved himself Ilke a boy, entirely free from care, sailing on board lis uncles (King Edward's) yacht, the "Britannia," with a merry family party, the ministers whom he had brought in his train were busily engaged in conference with the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey, Sir Charles Hardinge and other English statesmen, and also with English shadelers, One of the results of these conferences has been that a group of London financiers, with which Sir Edward Cassel is connected, has acquired ward Cassel is connected, has acquired ed eighteen months ago, is not only

Shakelers. One of the results of these conferences has been that a group of London financiers, with which Sir Edward Cassel is connected, has acquired control of a string of about seventy or eighty of the most important banks in Russia; banks that have branches in all parts of the empire, in the Asiatic as well as in the European portion thereof.

This means the influx of much British and foreign capital. For there are plenty of capitalists who, while they would hesitate to advance money to Russia independently, would be delighted at the opportunity to do so with the backing of the powerful syndicate of London financiers, and that of the British government. Indeed, it will have the effect of ropening once more the purse-strings of France and of Holland, also the United States, to Russia. It means also the introduction of English banking and business methods into Russia, which cannot fall to improve the latter's national credit abroad, Of course this has all been done in the face of tremendous German opposition. German financiers, first and foremost the great house of Mendelssohn, at Berlin, have been allipowerful in Russia until now, and the new arrangement means an end of their reign. Perhaps this economic victory, won by England, may account, in part at any rate, for the recent manifestations of unfriendliness between the courts of St. James and those of Berlin and Vienns, including the fallure of King Edward to pay his customary visit to Emperor William and to Emperor Francis Joseph on his trip through their dopfnions to Marienbad this majority, is the eldest son

dier are a symbol, and a symbol, not a symbol, and a symbol, not be of service, must have some persistence. It was hard on the poets, accurate the content of the symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol, and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a symbol and a symbol and a symbol, and a symbol and a

The principal country seat of Lord Manvers, which was formerly the home of the two Pierrepont Dukes of Kingston, and which was bequeathed to the first Earl of Manvers by the bigamous ex-Duchess of Kingston, is Theresby, in Sherwood Forest. It is justly regarded as the architectural pride of the dukerles, and stands, so to speak, chshrined in an immense park, among the features of which are the quaint and gnarled old oaks, beneath the shade of which Robin Hood was wont to roam in days of old. It was the home, too, of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, and familiar as such to the readers of her writings. The mansion has been on several occasions visited by fire, but was to a great extent rebuilt by the late earl, whose widow is a most charming old Seetch-French woman, the daughter of the last French Due de Colgny. Let me add that the Pierrepont family hall originally from the Castle of Pierrepont, on the borders of Picardy, the ruins of which are still in existence. a, The principal country seat of Lord

Prince Eulenburg, Ilke most of the mentally unbalanced people of his stripe, seems unable to comprehend that the public in Germany and abroad is anxious, above everything else, to forget his unsavory existence, and to obliterate from its memory all recollection of the shocking scandals in which he involved himself. For it seems that he has caused it to be known that he is at the present time engaged in the compilation of his memoirs, which are to he published at an early date. He is so much better and stronger in health that he is able

STATE PRESS

New Tariff Worse Than the Old.

campment of the State millia and a range for ritle practice.

Norfolk has offered a free site near Virginia Beach, and other localities have offered sites at various places. The local site has been approved by State and national officers, as well as by local physicians, and the medical experts in both State millia and the national corps. Still the matter remains undetermined, and the money is in the State treasury.

It would seem about time that some definite conclusion was reached.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

The Trouble With the Primary

HOPE FOR THE SUFFRAGETTES.

The Ladies' Pictorial, a lively London paper, which appeals upon the whole to a rather conservative class, has just propounded what seems to be the most

propounded what seems to be the most practical suggestion yet offered in the suffrage conflict. It is careful not to advocate Its own proposition. It contents itself with pointing out the effectiveness of it.

The Pictorial reminds its readers that the supporters of church services, lectures, concerts, theatres, picture exhibitions and the like are chiefly women, and that without them all charitable enterprises would be of no avail, It says truly—and what is true for table enterprises would be of no avail, of speed. The cl It says truly—and what is true for monoplanes is that London is true for almost every large the biplanes, so

Weird Possibilities of New Invention in Combat With Battleships.

The estimated naval expenditures of the government this year amount to \$128,000,000, or an increase of \$16,-000,000 over those of last year, but in-000.000 over those of last year, but inventive minds are at work and the chances are that in the course of a few years the great battleships, costing millions each, will be of little more value than old junk. Discoveries in the application of electricity are following one another with astonishing rapidity, and what may be accomplished by this great force of nature cannot be imagined.

A few deys ago there was the mys-

A few days ago there was the mysterious announcement of a device by an American that is called the "peace an American that is called the poace gun," but nothing is known of it be-youd the statement that it projects electrical energy and explodes powder confined or unconfined. Its range is claimed to be as great as the modern twelve-inch rifles, and, it is said, from Sundy Vlook this new instrument of Sandy Hook this new instrument of war will, by igniting their own pow-der, blow up the battleships of the most powerful fleet before they can get near enough to open fire with their guns.

It is described as projecting an in-visible stream of electricity on the

visible stream of electricity on the principle of the wireless telegraphic apparatus, and the discharge passes through human bodies, like the X-rny, without ill effects to the vital organs.

may seem absurd, yet it is well to re-member that few years ago wireless member that few years ago wireless telegraphy was regarded as the droin of a diseased mind. To-day it is in commercial use, and next year we may see the development of the "peace gun," If we do there is not the least doubt that the great nations of the world will be compelled to abandon their naval armaments and devote themselves to the ways of peace.—New Orleans States.

THE INCOME TAX.

Fate of Constitutional Amendment Will Not Be Decided for Two Years.

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Alabama has led off among the States by sanctioning the proposition to give Congress power to levy an income tax. Two other Legislatures are in assion, those of Georgia and of Connecticut. Georgia will ratify the proposition. Connecticut probably will reject it. The proposition will thus have a good start toward victory or defeat before the majority of the Legislatures meet in January, 1910.

The income tax gives a new interest to the movement to admit Arizona and New Mexico to statehood. An attempt will be made in the coming winter to let them in. If this should be successful two additional votes for the tax would be obtained. While New Mexico would probably be carried by the Republicans for President and for Congress, it would be extremely likely to declare for an income tax. In its case longitude as well as latitude would favor the tax. In its case longitude as well as latitude would favor the tax. The leanings of those two communities on that proposition may determine the attitude of some members of Congress on the admission proposition.

With the present roll of States welve adverse votes would defeat the tax. It would take thirteen States to do this if Arlyons and New Mewice.

do this if Arizona and New Mexico were let in. The leanings of those Territories on the tax issue should not affection on the question admission. It probably w theless. The fight on the t be exciting. The real inter-it will come when nevertheless. The fight will be exciting. The upon it will come when tion is brought before tion is brought before the la States. New York will undoubted! against it. So, probably, will and Illinois, on account of the lurban element in the population those States. In Missouri the will be close. All of the New I land States are expected to designant it. So are New Jersey, P sylvania, Delaware and West

CURTISS AND THE FRENCH FLIERS, Will Contend for the International Cup at Ithelms.

at Rhelms.

The remarkable flights of Glenn H. Curtiss at Hempstead in his biplane give great interest to his departure to take part in the international cup races at Rheims, France, near the end

of the month.

Curtiss goes as the representative of the Aero Club of America, which has entered him in all the races, but it is hard for an outsider to see any hasis for the enthusiasm and confidence with which his friends seem to regard the venture. The machine with which Curtiss is to meet the foreigners is new, and there, has been no chance to try out the motor in this country. The shipping contract does not call for its delivery at Rheims until August 19, which will leave just in days to test it, remedy any defects which may be discovered, and to allow Curtiss to "get the hang of the thing." Considering the uncertainty of motors in all the flying machine tests yet made, the American seems to be going into the contest with a handleap which prudence like that shown by the Wrights Would have avoided. He will meet Bieriot and Latham on fast monoplanes, two other French aviators on Wright machines, Farman on a machine of his own, and Paulhan on a Voisin maof the month, Curtiss goes as the representative

But whether the American wins or not, the race ought to throw some

Backsilding Reduced by Giving Congregation a Cool Sabbath.

The action of the congregation of the Independence Christian Church in taking a vacation during the heated term would have been considered a craven surrender to the evil one a hundred years ago or so, but today, even while such action is not in imitation of a general example, it will strike the average person as being decidedly seasonable and sensible. If people to-day believed in the old-fashioned doctrine of a sulphurous and highly calorific hereafter, the hot summer months would appear to be the very time when the threat of a burning lake would have a maximum of weight with sinners. It is stated that when the missionaries started in to convert the Icelanders they made more backsilders than converts by preaching a hot hell. When, however, some ingenious missionary evolved a hell which was a thousand times colder than Iceland, there was a bargain counter rush for the first row and Icefand became Christianized.

But the up-to-date church-goer does not belleve in the old terrifiers that influenced his forefathers. It is no longer considered necessary to be uncomfortable in order to be plous.

no longer considered necessary to be uncomfortable in order to be preachers have permitted the their coats, and a revivalist in a neighboring town has been preaching in his shirt sleeves every night for the past two weeks. If the preacher is entitled to his vacation, why should is entitled to his vacation, why should not the congregation have at least a brief surcease from sweltering church work, with little if any danger of backsliding in the interim spent in keeping cool? Everybody would return from that vacation, as from other vacations, renovated, recuperated and refreshed, ready to take a fresh grip on the cudget wherewith the world, the flesh and the devil are fought. The Independence idea is a good one, and will probably commend itself to the substitute preachers who minister to the flecks of absent pastors.—Kansas City Journal,